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The SPECTATOR.

Homines ad Deos nulla re propius accedunt, quam ſalutem Hominibus dando. Tull.

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HUman Nature appears a very deformed, or a very beautiful Object, according to the different Lights in which it is view'd. When we ſee Men of inflamed Paſſions, wicked Deſigns, tearing one another to Pieces open Violence, or undermining each other by Treachery; when we obſerve baſe and narrow Ends purſued by ignominious and diſhoneſt Means; when we behold Men mix'd in Society as it were for the Deſtruction of it; we are aſhamed of our Species, and out of Humanity with our own Being: But in another Light, when we behold them mild, good, and benevolent, full of generous Regard for the publick Proſperity, paſſionating of each others Diſtreſſes and relieving each others Wants, we can hardly believe ſuch Creatures of the ſame Kind. In this Light they appear Gods to each other, in the Exerciſe of the nobleſt Power, that of doing Good; and the greateſt Compliment we have ever been able to make to our own Being, has been by calling it this Diſpoſition of Mind Humanity. We cannot but obſerve a Pleaſure ariſing in our own Breaſt upon the ſeeing or hearing of a generous Action, even when we are wholly diſintereſted in it. I ſhall not give a more proper Inſtance of this, than by a Letter from *Pliny*, in which he recommends a Friend in the moſt handſome Manner; and, methinks, it would be a great Pleaſure to know the Succeſs of this Epiſtle, though each Party concerned in it has been ſo many hundred Years in the Grave.

To MAXIMUS.

'WHAT I ſhould gladly do for any Friend of 'yours, I think I may now with Confidence aſk for a Friend of mine. *Arrianus Maturius* is the moſt conſiderable Man of his Country; and if I call him ſo, I do not ſpeak with Relation to his Fortune, though that is very plentiful, but to his Integrity, Juſtice, Gravity and Prudence; his Advice is uſeful to me in Buſineſs, and his Judgment in Matters of Learning: His Fidelity, Truth, and good Underſtanding, are very great; beſides this, he loves me as you do, than which I cannot ſay any thing that ſignifies a warmer Affection. He has nothing that's aſpiring; and tho' he might riſe to the higheſt Order of Nobility, he 'keeps himſelf in an inferiour Rank; yet I think 'my ſelf bound to uſe my Endeavours to ſerve 'and promote him; and would therefore find the 'Means of adding ſomething to his Honours while 'he neither expects nor knows it, nay though he 'ſhould refuſe it. Something, in ſhort, I would have 'for him that may be honourable, but not troubleſome; and I entreat that you will procure him 'the firſt thing of this Kind that offers, by which 'you will not only oblige me, but him alſo; for 'though he does not covet it, I know he will be 'as grateful in acknowledging your Favour as if he 'had aſked it.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'THE Reflections in ſome of your Papers on 'the ſervile Manner of Education now in 'uſe, have given Birth to an Ambition, which unleſs you diſcountenance it, will, I doubt, engage 'me in a very difficult, tho' not ungrateful Adventure. I am about to undertake for the Sake of 'the *Britiſh* Youth, to inſtruct them in ſuch a Manner, that the moſt dangerous Page in *Virgil* or '*Homer* may be read by them with much Pleaſure, 'and with perfect Safety to their Perſons.

'Could I prevail ſo far as to be honoured with 'the Protection of ſome few of them, (for I am 'not Heroe enough to reſcue many) my Deſign is 'to retire with them to an agreeable Solitude; 'tho' within the Neighbourhood of a City, for 'the Convenience of their being inſtructed in Muſick, Dancing, Drawing, Deſigning, or any other ſuch Accompliſhments, which it is conceived may make as proper Diverſions for them, and 'almoſt as pleaſant, as the little ſordid Games 'which dirty School-boys are ſo much delighted 'with. It may eaſily be imagined how ſuch a 'pretty Society, converſing with none beneath 'themſelves, and ſometimes admitted as perhaps 'not unentertaining Parties amongſt better Company, commended and careſſed for their little Performances, and turned by ſuch Converſations to a 'certain Gallantry of Soul, might be brought early 'acquainted with ſome of the moſt polite *Engliſh* 'Writers. This having given them ſome tolerable 'Taſte of Books, they would make themſelves 'Maſters of the *Latin* Tongue by Methods far eaſier than thoſe in *Lilly*, with as little Difficulty or

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Reluctance as young Ladies learn to ſpeak *French* or to ſing *Italian* Operas. When they had advanced thus far, it would be Time to form their Taſte ſomething more exactly: One that had any true Reliſh of fine Writing, might with great Pleaſure both to himſelf and them, run over together with them the beſt *Roman* Hiſtorians, Poets, and Orators, and point out their more remarkable Beauties; give them a ſhort Scheme of Chronology, a little View of Geography, Medals, Aſtronomy, or what elſe might beſt feed the buſy inquiſitive Humour ſo natural to that Age. Such of them as had the leaſt Spark of Genius, when it was once awakened by the ſhining Thoughts and great Sentiments of thoſe admired Writers, could not, I believe, be eaſily withheld from attempting that more difficult Sifter Language, whoſe exalted Beauties they would have heard ſo often celebrated as the Pride and Wonder of the whole learned World. In the mean while it would be requiſite to exerciſe their Stile in writing any light Pieces that ask more of Fancy than of Judgment; and that frequently in their native Language, which every one methinks ſhould be moſt concerned to cultivate, eſpecially Letters in which a Gentleman muſt have ſo frequent Occaſions to diſtinguiſh himſelf. A Set of genteel good-natur'd Youths fallen into ſuch a Manner of Life, would form almoſt a little Academy, and doubtleſs prove no ſuch contemptible Companions, as might not often tempt a wiſer Man to mingle himſelf in their Diverſions, and draw them into ſuch ſerious Sports as might prove nothing leſs inſtructing than the graveſt Leſſons. I doubt not but it might be made ſome of their favourite Plays, to contend which of them ſhould recite a beautiful Part of a Poem or Oration moſt gracefully, or ſometimes to join in acting a Scene of *Terence*, *Sophocles*, or our own *Shakeſpear*. The Cauſe of *Milo* might again be pleaded before more favourable Judges, *Cæſar* a ſecond Time be taught to tremble, and another Race of *Athenians* be afreſh enraged at the Ambition of another *Philip*. Amidſt theſe noble Amuſements we could hope to ſee the early Dawnings of their Imagination daily brighten into Senſe, their Innocence improve into Virtue, and their unexperienc'd Good-nature directed to a generous Love of their Country.

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AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this preſent Friday, being the 23d Day of November, will be preſented a Comedy call'd, The Squire of Alſatia. The Part of Sir William Belfond by Mr. Penkethman, the Squire by Mr. Bullock, young Belfond by Mr. Wilks, Sir Edward Belford by Mr. Keen, Truman by Mr. Mills, Cheatly by Mr. Bickerſtaff, Shamwell by Mr. Bullock, Jun. Lolpoop by Mr. Leigh, Iſabella by Mrs. Rogers, Tereſa by Mrs. Oldfield, Mrs. Termagent by Mrs. Knight, Lucy by Miſs Sherburn, Ruth by Mrs. Powell.

This Play is ſold by Jacob Tonſon at Shakeſpear's-Head, over against Katherine-ſtreet in the Strand.

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